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1. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, FRG WOULD SUPPORT U.S. PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO DRAFT AN CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. FRG
OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, REITERATED THE VIEW THAT 1978 WAS
PROBABLY TOO EARLY FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE, AND WOULD
PREFER THAT NO SPECIFIC TIME BE INCLUDED IN PROPOSAL.
THEY FEEL THAT SO MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN UNRESOLVED
THAT THE WORKING GROUP WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST ANOTHER
THREE OR FOUR SESSIONS BEFORE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

COULD COME UP WITH A WORKABLE DRAFT AGREEMENT. REGARDLESS OF THEIR HESITATION ON THE TIMING, THE FRG CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO SUPPORT THE U.S. PROPOSAL.

2. FRG OFFICIALS WELCOMED THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL, AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ITS INCLUSION IN RESOLUTION WOULD HELP IN WINNING G-77 SUPPORT. THEY FEEL, THOUGH, THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUE WILL REMAIN STUMBLING BLOCK, SINCE G-77 DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ILLICIT PAYMENT STILL WIDELY AT VARIANCE WITH THEIR OWN. FRG ALSO HAS NOT RESOLVED MANY LEGAL ASPECTS OF QUESTION OF CRIMINALIZATION OF PAYMENTS. IN THIS REGARD WE WERE ADVISED THAT GERMANS WOULD FIND IT POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER MAKING IT CRIMINAL FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS OF THE SORT WHICH ARE ALREADY ILLEGAL FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

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